

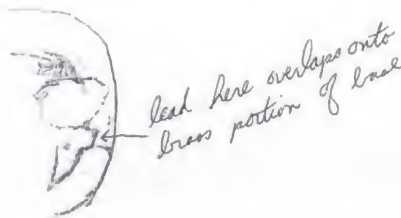
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Dear Harold,

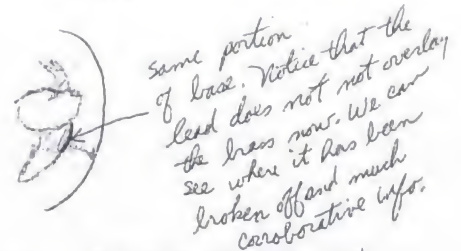
The significance of our observation that 399 lost fragments between the taking of our pictures becomes greater and greater. We have a bomb on our hands--one that can explode right in the faces of the scoundrels who block our efforts to seek the truth.

I have had the Archives make two base photos for me so far, one taken previously to the one which you have. Checking my records, I see that the first one was ordred on Jan. 16, 1968 and the second, the one you have, was mailed to me on Sept. 11, 1968. However, in comparing the two, I find that yet another piece of the base is gone! When was your picture taken? The area missing is apart from that in the other pictures. I do not now have the proper facilities to adequately show what is missing but because of its importance especially to your case, I will do the best I can for the time being. I am enclosing an extremely poor copy of the first photo--will try to get better ones but it is the only one on hand. For the most part, I'll have to explain with sketches.

This is a detail of the portion of the base marked "A" on the enclosed picture. Of course, it's clearer on the original.



This is a detail from the second photo which you have. See where the piece of lead has been broken off.



You will probably see the full significance. I hope we are not making too much of this (such as if perhaps the bullet is deteriorating and falling apart which I doubt). Nevertheless, it is quite obviously progressively losing fragments.

Please write soon on this with additional info on your base picture.

Good luck,

Howard